(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government intend to increase monthly quota of BPL wheat and rice as per the State's demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution Systems (TPDS) is being made as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission (1993-1994), based on the Expert Group's methodology updated on the population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000. As per these estimates the number of BPL families in Gujarat is 21.20 lakh. This basis of allocation is uniformly applied to all States/UTs without exception.

Procurement centres in MP

†2261. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of procurement centres opened by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Madhya Pradesh during this year and procurement made therefrom; and

(b) the quantity of wheat procured at minimum support price declared by the Central Government in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The FCI has opened 146 purchase centers in Madhya Pradesh in the current Rabi Marketing Season 2002-03 to procure wheat under price Support Scheme. A quantity of 0.75 lakh tonnes of wheat was procured by FCI at these centres. In respect of paddy, FCI has opened 43 procurement centres during the Kharif Marketing Season 2002-03. Procurement of paddy is yet to commence.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The total quantities of wheat procured by the FCI and State Agencies in the State of Madhya Pradesh since 1999-2000 onwards are as under:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Season	Total quantity procured
1999-2000	5.41
2000-01	3.51
2001-02	2 94
2002-03	4.24

Accumulation of foodgrains in FCI godowns

2262. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sugar and foodgrains remained accumulated in various godowns of FCI;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains spoiled as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken by his Ministry for effective Public Distribution System with adequate coverage during the last three years, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The stock of sugar, rice and wheat with FCI as on 31st October, 2002 was 0.37 lakh MTs., 205.09 Lakh MTs. and 330.59 lakh MTs. respectively.

(b) Foodgrains held in FCI godowns are stored in scientifically constructed godowns and are preserved by the trained and experienced technical staff. However, some spoilage to the foodgrains stored in open/covered and plinth (CAP) which is resorted to as a temporary measure in extreme adverse situation, may occur due to natural calamities such as unprecedented rains, floods, cyclone, ballooning